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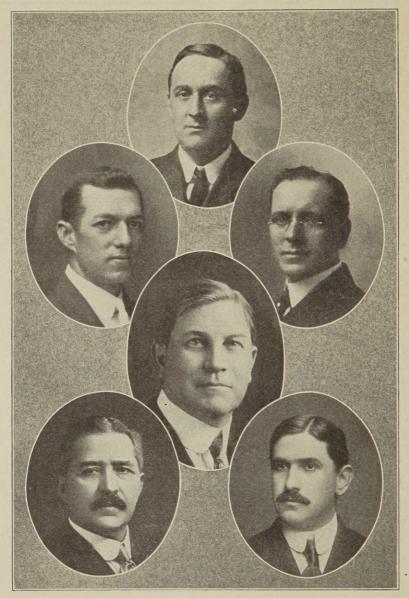
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EDITORIAL

AMERICA'S SUPREME OPPORTUNITY

E COMMEND to all thoughtful men for careful study the recent volume of Sherwood Eddy, "The New Era in Asia." This volume presents an analysis of the political, educational, economic, social and religious changes and conditions in Japan, China, Korea, Turkey and the Balkan states. Mr. Eddy shows most conclusively that these nations of the far and near Orient are facing the supreme crisis in their history, and that the greatest problem of each is the problem of moral character, as stated by a leading Japanese, who says: "We have accepted a great machine of western civilization, but we have not the moral oil to run it."

It is evident that the old religions and the civilizations which they have created and developed through many centuries are rapidly breaking down. It is also clear that these nations are fast accepting the best ideals and methods of western economical, educational, social and political life. Hinduism, Buddhism and Mohammedanism have failed in their fruitage of moral character, political and economic efficiency, or to satisfy the

spiritual and eternal longings of the human heart.

Benjamin Kidd shows in his writings that western civilization at its best has been only the life history of Christianity. Mr. Eddy in his volume states that the Renaissance of Europe during the fifteenth century resulted in a five-fold transformation of life—political, intellectual, economical, social and religious, and that the greatest Renaissance of the twentieth century in Asia furnishes a striking parallel in each of these phases of human life. The continent of North America has produced not

a perfect but a high type of Christian civilization.

To America more than to any other country the nations of the East look for a positive faith and power which will meet the need of the world. And this Macedonian call is to the individual as well as to the nation. Men, money, methods and high national ideals are needed. And every man may respond, each in his own sphere, and say, "Here am I, Lord; send me." More men must go to the front as ministers, teachers, physicians, Association officers and Christian business men. Others must remain at home to so live the Christian life as to correct the political, social, moral and economic evils of our own Christian nation. And every one, however small may be his station in life, or limited his income, may and must live the sacrificial life, by systematically contributing a larger share of his resources for the spread of the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. The supreme need of all the world is a satisfying knowledge of the power of God in overcoming personal and national sin.

The responsibility for meeting this need is upon every person who seeks to know and do the will of God. The men of our Chicago Association may accept this challenge for world service in a definite and immediate way by cultivating a virile Christian life; by becoming members of the foreign section of the Association, and by connecting themselves

with the missionary interests of their respective churches.

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L. WILBUR MESSER.

CURRENT NEWS OF FOREIGN LANDS

HE report of the past year in all foreign associations shows 177 foreign secretaries and 249 native paid secretaries. The greatest and most significant development is in the fact that the native secretaries increased from 181 to 249.

Ten Bible classes in the Tokyo Association enrolled 150 men. From these classes many men have been baptized and have joined churches. Out of 100 inquirers through special evangelistic services 30 have joined churches. The employment department placed 800 men in positions. The Imperial Home Department of government continues its grant of association support. Two hundred men have used the building daily, not including 127,000 persons using the auditorium.

The Educational Department of the Filipino City Association at Manila opened the year with an enrollment of 61 and closed the year with 488. One class of 30 men has been established in the office of the leading shipping firm of the city. The shipping firm gave free rent and light.

The Foochow Association conducted a membership campaign recently in which 1,300 members were secured. The governor captained a team and has promised to be the chief speaker at the dedication of the new building. In this city 51 men joined churches during a period of two weeks. In a single day 28 men were baptized in one church.

A government official in Pekin after hearing an address in the association on "China's Need of the Bible" bought 2,000 Bibles at \$1 each and presented them to his official friends.

In Yenping, Fukien, the governor, his main attendant, the mayor and superintendent of prison, together with two bankers, eleven government school teachers and three Buddhist priests, were among the men registered for Bible classes.

The Osaka, Japan, Association has 1,686 men in educational classes. This ranks with the educational department at West Side, New York, Boston and Los Angeles. It is a fixed principle in this association that every new educational class means a new Bible class organized.

The Seoul Association has 16 Bible classes a week, enrolling 750 men. Two hundred and seventy-two of the men made definite decisions to enter the Christian life.

In Seoul the government of the Railway Bureau has increased its contribution from \$2,500 to \$4,500 a year and has given almost complete control of the Railway Association to M. Niwa, Japanese secretary. The weekly attendance at Bible classes has reached 1.128.

The new building in Havana is now complete. Remarkable value has been secured in the \$130,000 spent in the building and site. In the list of givers are found the president and vice-president of the Republic, five of the eight cabinet officers, the speaker of the House, the president of the Senate and nine other senators, the national chief of police and prominent business men, bankers, lawyers, doctors and professors.

General Li Yuan Hung, vice-president of China, said recently: Missionaries are our friends. I am strongly in

favor of more missionaries coming to China to teach Christianity. We shall do all we can to assist them. The more missionaries who come to China the greater will the Republican Government be pleased. China would not be aroused today as it is were it not for the missionaries who have ventured within the out-of-way parts of the Empire and opened up the country."

The Manila membership campaign aimed to secure 425 new members, but secured 1,300; 23 men united with the Union Church on a recent Sunday, 11 of them from Association Bible were helped by the Employment Department.

The year's survey shows nearly 200 Associations in India and Ceylon, 12,000 members, 190 secretaries, including 95 Indian secretaries, 41 from America. More progress has been made in securing Indian secretaries during the past ten months than in the previous five years. The Associations own 31 buildings and are at work in 24 others. The annual budget has increased from \$20,000 to \$53,000. Attendance of over 80,000 at Bible classes and 70,000 at religious meetings.



Graduating Exercises of the Tientsin Association Day School.

classes. Ninety per cent of the first educational class students entered voluntary Bible classes. One government bureau sent 45 employes for special, corrective physical work.

The first Boys' Department in South America is now fully organized in Buenos Aires. A night university of free lectures is very popular and helpful. Six hundred and forty students from the university attended the special reception; meals in the restaurant were served to 70,000 men during the year and nearly 1,000 men

The president of the Technical College in Hangchow, in opening the college to the Association Bible classes, said to his students: "Some may wonder why I opened this institute for Bible classes—because I realize your need of moral help and my inability to give it to you, and because I believe these Christian men teaching the Bible can give you the help you need." Sixty men in the Provincial Normal College, including every member of the senior class, were enrolled in Bible study classes and 15 of them and 160 members of the

Association Bible classes have decided for the Christian life.

S. T. Wen, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in Hangchow, China, said: "I have decided to become a Christian because I wish to be like Christian men whom I have observed—a man of pure heart, strong blood, true patriotism and perfect zeal. My first impulse of Christianity was in a Bible class in the Tientsin Union Church. My next impulse grew out of my close relationship with Barnett, the Association Secretary, as a result of which I came to realize the claims of Christ on my own life and became

now a teacher in a Government school in Hainan, has led to the Christian life two of his fellow professors and six of the students.

In no year in the history of the Young Men's Christian Association in China have the results of religious work been so large. The evangelistic addresses given by Dr. Mott and Mr. Eddy at the opening of 1913 have continued to yield fruitage, until at the time of the last report 1,059 members had been added to the church. This is exclusive of the more than 800 added to the churches thru the work of the student Associations. Bible



The Association Building in Manila for American and European Young Men.

at heart a believer. I have been much influenced by the Young Men's Christian Association. To me it is the embodiment of that which is simple, happy and progressive in religion. The conception of Christianity it reveals prepared me to become a Christian and a church member."

A series of monthly lectures in the churches of Canton on public health and home training has been attended by nearly 13,000 people; 184 members of the Bible classes have joined the church. One of these new Christians,

study and social service have multiplied.

Twelve of the fourteen officers of the Hangchow Bar Association, including the president and vice-president, are members of the Association. Ninety sustaining members include the following: Military Governor, Civil Governor, Chief Justice of Supreme Court, Commissioner of Interior, Commissioner of Finance, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, Mayor, Brigadier General, and three Regimental Generals.

CHICAGO'S FOREIGN WORK PROGRAM

N THE annual report of The Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago published recently there are some significant facts given as showing the growth of the local association during the past five years. In most of the figures given there is shown a gain of from 100 to 200 percent, but remarkable as is this showing, the growth in the interest and support of the association work in foreign fields is even more striking.

Five years ago \$4,000, contributed for the support of two secretaries in Hongkong and a few scattering gifts for the work in other foreign stations, represented the entire foreign work budget of the Chicago Association. Last year the total gifts from the association and its constituency for foreign work and the army work in Europe reached the sum of \$74,611.50. Add to this amount \$15,200 contributed for buildings in foreign cities and we have a grand total of \$89,811.50, an amount considerably larger than that subscribed for the local work. This sum provides the entire support of thirteen secretaries and the partial support of four others.

If we inquire into the reasons for this remarkable showing we shall find that there are a number of determining factors. Perhaps the most important may be the tour which General Secretary Messer made of practically all the leading cities in the foreign field two years ago. After his return Mr. Messer said: "It is a solemn thing to travel around the world, for the cry for help spiritual, physical, intellectual, and social is constantly ringing in one's ears." It was this "cry" which sent Mr. Messer forth into all sections of Chicago as the strongest advocate of a larger foreign work program.

Soon after his return there was held a Foreign Work Conference in Chicago, attended by representatives of the leading associations in the Middle West, and as a result of its deliberations the following resolutions were passed, calling for a significant advance in the association's support of foreign work:

- (1) "We recognize and hereby declare that the obligation for the promotion of the associations' foreign work rests primarily upon the local associations of North America, and we, therefore, recommend that each local association be urged to adopt annually, through its Board of Directors, an adequate foreign work program.
- (2) We recommend that the foreign work program of a local association should include: (1) a standing Foreign Work Committee; (2) a Foreign Work Club, composed of contributors with a leading Christian layman as chairman; (3) a member of the employed staff, giving special attention to the foreign work program; (4) an adequate educational program; (5) a program for promoting intercession; (6) a definite financial objective which shall be pledged, if possible, before June 1 and be forwarded to the International Committee as early in the year as may be feasible, preferably in monthly or quarterly payments.
- (3) In order to insure immediate action by the associations we further recommend: (1) that the delegates here present at once make an earnest effort towards securing the adoption of this program for foreign work by the association which they represent; (2) that the various state organizations adopt and promote a state-wide foreign work program which shall make available to all associations the vision, method and motive for participation in the foreign work; (3) that local associations avail themselves of the experience and







Howard A. Walter.



R. L. Creighton.

leadership of the International and State committees through co-operative endeavor in educating and securing an adequate financial constituency."

The Chicago Association has endeavored to live in the spirit of these resolutions. Frequent meetings have been arranged where returned secretaries have told their stories of the great advance in the foreign field. These appeals from men who have been on the "firing line" have brought immediate responses in the way of co-operation and additional gifts.

Other methods of arousing interest in the foreign work are the circulation of reports and letters from secretaries in the foreign field, including "Foreign Mail;" foreign work exhibits in the lobbies of the various buildings of the Chicago Association; foreign work study groups; groups of laymen trained to carry the responsibility of the work to others; definite financial campaigns conducted early each year, when most of the subscriptions for this work are pledged. This year the campaign will be held March 19th to 25th.

Another strong factor in the development of foreign work in Chicago is a city-wide commission to promote and co-ordinate the foreign work program for the association as a whole. In each department of the association there are also foreign work committees with active chairmen and executive secretaries, and in some departments there are Twenty-four-Hour-a-Day clubs and other organizations which keep the foreign work message constantly before the membership.

This year Central Department, West Side and The University of Chicago Departments are each undertaking to provide the support of a secretary in foreign fields. As stated elsewhere, Central has chosen J. L. McPherson of Hongkong; West Side has selected the city of Montevideo. The secretary to is be announced later, and The University of Chicago Department has chosen Galen M. Fisher, National secretary of Japan, as its representative. Other departments will elect representatives later on.

During the Foreign Work Week last year 85 different group meetings were held, with an aggregate attendance of 3,000 men.

The Following Foreign Secretaries Are Supported by Chicago

E. C. Carter, National General Secretary of the associations in India. Mr.







George M. Day.



Don C. Shumaker.

Carter was formerly secretary of the work among the colleges of North America. He has led the work in India with the highest degree of statesmanship, with a staff of 47 American and European secretaries and a larger staff of trained Indian secretaries.

Howard A. Walter, Literary Secretary of the National Committee of India. Mr. Walter has a rare gift as a writer of religious literature and in this capacity is meeting a very great need in the student life of India.

- J. J. McConnell, General Secretary of Lahore, India. Mr. McConnell has just returned from the War Zone.
- **R. L. Creighton,** one of the Building Experts for the National Committee of China. Mr. Creighton is not only a trained contractor of association buildings, but is an association man and in addition to insuring the association of first-class equipment for the association in China is making a large contribution to the work as an association leader.
- **T. M. Elliott**, General Secretary of the association at Amoy, China. Mr. Elliott was one of the founders of the work in Hongkong and was transferred to take charge of the work in Amoy, another of the great port cities.
- W. M. Hume, Educational Secretary of the association at Lahore, India. Mr. Hume is carrying on a very successful work in Lahore with government support, where the possibility for expanding the work is great.
- **E. H. Lockwood,** of Canton, China, studying the language; temporarily located in that greatest city of South China. Mr. Lockwood has had successful secretarial experience in the Pittsburgh Association and in Leland Stanford University.
- J. L. McPherson, General Secretary at Hongkong, China. This greatest English port in the East is a city of large influence in China, and Mr. Mc-Pherson's leadership through the years has been outstanding.

George M. Day, a representative of the North American associations in the Near East.

Don C. Shumaker, General Secretary of the association in Karachi, India, the great rival of Bombay on the west coast.

C. H. McCloy, Physical Director for the National Committee of China. Mr. McCloy is traveling through the leading cities of China. developing the







F. H. Brown.



T. M. Elliott.

interest in physical education and helping the leaders of education plan their physical program and train the men to carry it out.

- F. H. Brown, National Physical Director for Japan. Mr. Brown is the only American trained physical director in the association movement in Japan and is having a growing influence in leading the physical life of this very athletic nation.
- P. A. Conard, General Secretary for Montevideo, with continental responsibilities, especially in connection with student conferences and the production of association literature.

Men Toward Whose Support Chicago Makes Substantial Contributions

- C. H. Robertson, one of the National Secretaries of China, leader in the Lecture Department.
- **A. M. Guttery**, General Secretary of the association in Hankow, popularly known as the Chicago of China.
- W. W. Lockwood, General Secretary of the association at Shanghai, one of the most fruitful associations in Asia, if not in the world.

Galen M. Fisher, National General Secretary of the associations in Japan. Mr. Fisher has been the only general secretary of the movement in Japan, and much of the solid and splendid work done there is due to his wise leadership.



C. H. Robertson.



W. W. Lockwood.



P. A. Conard

WHY SUPPORT THE FOREIGN WORK OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION?

From Walter A. Rogers, President Bates & Rogers Construction Company

BELIEVE in the foreign work of the Young Men's Christian Association because it seems to me the greatest power operating in the Orient today for evangelizing men. The work of the Young Men's Christian Association in the Far East is handled in such a way as to command the respect of the people with whom it is working. The men in the field have gained the confidence not only of the ordinary citizen of the country, but of the educated ruling classes. China, Japan and India are in a state of change. They are breaking away from the old religions, and the Y. M. C. A. is one of the great forces leading these people to the Christian religion. The Young Men's Christian Association being inter-denominational is not subject to the questions which arise in the minds of those of other religions as to why the Christian religion is divided into so many sects.



The Canton Boys' Department in Athletic Carnival.

Another reason why I believe in the Young Men's Christian Association work in the foreign field is that this association is teaching the people among whom it works to support their own associations and their own work with their efforts as well as with their money. I am in correspondence with several secretaries in China. I notice in the roster of officers that practically all of the officers of the associations are Chinese, with one or two American employed officers.

To sum up my answer to the question as to why support the foreign work of the Young Men's Christian Association my answer is, that I know of no place where a dollar spent towards the evangelization of the world will be put to better use than if spent in the foreign work of the Young Men's Christian Association.

From W. A. Douglass, Manager R. G. Dun & Co.

I. Because of the Urgent Need.

II. The Wonderful Opportunity.

III. The Untold Results.

I. Because of the Urgent Need

What is it that makes the strongest appeal to the Christian man for his service and his means? Is it not the crying need of those who are unfortunate in life and who need opportunity? After the prudent man has recognized this need he endeavors to determine the agency through which the largest number of needy people may be reached. From my knowledge of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association in foreign lands I feel that this organization has studied the conditions and adapted its methods so that it is able to bring the Christian message to the largest number who are in need. To quote from Mr. Eddy's book, "The Students of Asia," "Japan at present may be likened to a sea into which a hundred currents of oriental and occidental thought have poured and not yet having effected affusion are raging wildly, tossing, warring, roaring." Would not this indicate that they need the Christian message?

II. The Wonderful Opportuinty

If we are properly informed we are bound to admit that there was never a time when the door of opportunity was wider—the call more urgent or the welcome more hearty in the foreign field. In our own country we see the results of Christian influences exerted by our leading men, but the customs of the people in the Orient cause them in greater degree to be influenced by their superiors. It is a noteworthy fact that the high officials in government, and the leaders in college and university life are accepting and encouraging others to accept the Christian religion. When did we have a greater opportunity to influence the future leaders of the eastern nations?

III. The Untold Results

We have never known such results as are being attained, especially among the students in Asia. This work would be impossible were it not for the foundation which the Christian missionaries have been laying for a hundred years. Having this foundation securely laid, the Young Men's Christian Association secretaries by their tact and perseverance have been able to enlist the support of all Christian bodies. The results which we are witnessing in these lands are little short of marvelous. Shall we not feel that it is worth while and that we are blessed of God in that we are privileged to invest in and have a share in this, our Lord's work? The workers are ready—the inquirers are many, but there is lack of funds. The question is not, "Why deliant to support this work?" but rather, "How can I afford not to support it?"

From Fred A. Grow, Vice-President J. C. Whitney Co.

Chairman, Twenty-four-Hour-a-Day Club Central Department

During the past dozen years or so, my business has taken me to the primary tea markets of the world.

In one of the smaller interior cities of Japan, I found a Young Men's Christian Association, organized and managed by Japanese.

The leader in this Y. M. C. A. wrote me in his Japanese English style "I am teaching the gospels of John as a side works."

On a return voyage across the Pacific I greatly enjoyed the companionship of a high class, educated Chinese official, enroute to a London conference on the opium question.

It developed that he was the president of the Young Men's Christian Association in one of the important cities of China.

Space will not permit further examples, but these are typical of the spiritual uplift that is spreading over the earth.

These are messages from the trenches, in what Mr. Eddy calls "A constructive war."

But behind the guns and the trenches and the soldiers are great generals, as there must be in every war.



New Building of the Young Men's Christian Association in Kobe, Japan.

Would that you could meet them, hear them, and see them in action,—Mott, Brockman, Eddy, Clinton, Robertson, Gailey, Hibbard, and so on through a long list. They are college trained, consecrated, Christian statesmen.

We cannot go, but better men than we—men who can mould and uplift nations, are already on the field as our ambassadors.

God forbid that we should narrow their plans just now while the nations of the east and of the whole world are in the melting pot, and their greatest need is that they may be cooled by a breath from Heaven.

WHY THEY PREPARE FOR ASSOCIATION WORK

From Students of the Y. M. C. A. College



Paul D. Runganadhan

HY am I preparing for Association work? While on the surface it seems easy to answer such a question, one finds difficulty to put in black and white his reason or reasons. I wish I could yield this pen to express my reasons in terms that would at all be adequate to match the strength of the feelings within my heart for entering Association work. Unfortunately, the trend of modern thought seems to lie in the line of facts and figures rather than in feelings, and I suppose one must follow the former course if one is to run with the current!

Is there a need for the Young Men's Christian Association in America? Is there a need for Leadership here? Is there a need for Trained Secretaries? I suppose the answer in every case would be "Sure." If that is so, the need of the above in India is much more imperative—the need of unity

among the millions of young men, scattered and separated by barriers of caste and creeds; the need of the thousands, wavering both in mind and body, for sympathy and help; the need of sympathetic advice and guidance of these young men who are to be the leaders and the moulders of the destiny of the coming India; into those channels which would help provide them with a foundation strong, firm and true; the need of these thousands for a wholesome atmosphere amidst vice, superstition and idolatory; the need of these thousands who are spiritually athirst for a true Saviour, and therefore, the need of Christ, the only hope of India. Yes, it is the need that is evident everywhere in India. One is but modest when he says after years of experience, that there have been few Christian organizations which have been so successful as the Young Men's Christian Association in India in being able to offer solution for some of the grave problems that are facing the youth of India today. Dare one, whose passion it is to work among young men, ask for a better place for the investment of his life?

The need of India, the opportunities for service in the Young Men's Christian Association, the prayers, the hopes and the backing of a dear American friend, and the call of my Master, are the reasons for my being in the Young Men's Christian Association.

Paul D. Runganadhan, Bangalore, India.

At the age of six years my father sent me to a denominational school (Wm. Nost College), Kinkiang, China, where I received my early education. From that time on, I learned to become a real Christian and enjoyed different religious meetings, such meetings as are conducted by the College Y. M. C. A. Gradually I took an active part in this movement and held different offices in the Association during my college days in China.

One thing which influenced me to take an interest and be a worker in the Association for China was the Summer Conference held in my college town Kinkiang, China, 1912. (Mr. Brockman was the leader), and I had the privilege of presiding at most of the meetings and there I found the most concern was about

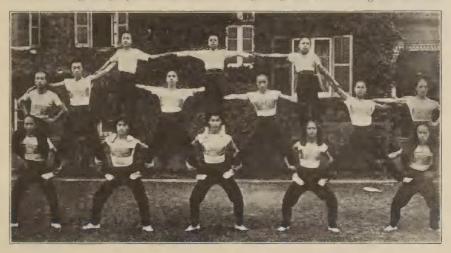
our physical work and the lack of trained physical directors. Therefore from that time on I determined to devote my life to this work, and I expect to return as a leader of physical work in the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association.

Physical education was introduced as early as the Chinese dynasty 725 A. D., then it gradually disappeared until now again the people have become interested.

A few score years ago, physical education was entirely unknown to my people, though we had some enthusiasts for the cause, but they were not desirable. I decided to go to school to train myself in order that I might teach my own people. Not alone in physical education, but the religious work as well.

Let me express my present attitude toward the development of the Association in China.

What we Christian men need most is an awaking to the true meaning of Christian fellowship and love of God. I congratulate my people that many of them are brought up in Christian families, and that the gospel story is not a novelty to them. But for this reason there lies great danger among our people—the danger of swallowing the gospel, whole, instead of digesting and assimilating it. We for-



A Group of Gymnasium Leaders in the Shanghai Association.

get or fail to realize that only as we live like Christ can we manifest to others our love of God. To be a Christian is to endeavor to love all people as our Lord did.

I feel that nothing better than a direct and personal contact with some real Christian will do it. If they could only have the opportunity to come into natural contact with some truly Christian families where the love of God reigns supreme, they would most surely see the beauty of the Christian life.

Christ—Incarnate—life is the greatest power for winning men for Christ and it is the most important thing China needs today. This is what I feel our Association needs today—not more money—not more members, but more of the actual living out of Christ's love.

Fred M. Chu, Kinkiang, China. One of the great problems of Argentine today is the young men, because from them are coming in the next generation, the rulers of the nation, and from them is the vision of hope for the present social reformation, but what will be the expected reformation of tomorrow if we do not help to raise those

which are ready to fall into degradation.



Josi Amatuzzo

At early ages the young men find the doors open toward the path that looks like roses, which carries them to the thorn. When they are among the thorns they stay because nobody goes to them and fills their minds and hearts with high ideas. The young men do not have many chances to find the way to physical education, spiritual development or toward good, moral, instructive literature, but with many chances to find gambling, horse races and other places to satisfy the desires of the flesh that has been growing from boyhood. The sensual passion is our great weakness because no one, father, mother or teacher, shows or tries to show the right way, the right manhood, and this negligence cause the debility of spirit and the fundamental thing, lack of character.

A great opportunity for this service lies before the Young Men's Christian Association more than other institutions, because it ministers to his spiritual, his mental and physical needs and, most important, it does not teach creeds or dogmas, but Christianity in the real sense of the word that is in every day life, practice in the action and not the exhibition. The young men of South America are ready to accept this message; they look for it and they know how to appreciate practical Christianity.

The picture of degradation and the picture of the remedy brought me here to fit myself through training in character and spiritual power to go back to contribute, even though in a small way, to the realization of this great service for the sake of my God and my country.

Josi Amatuzzo.

Buenos Aires, Argentina.

For months I went about my work as physical director of Seoul Y. M. C. A. with my whole heart set upon the determination to come to America to learn more about physical training than the few instructions I was giving to my class. I myself was a graduate of the Y. M. C. A. school, and I was fortunately or unfortunately, it remains to be proved, later made the physical director of the association. I did not have the necessary qualifications to fill the position to higher degree, but I gave my whole self to the work and for the interest of my department and the association. I was in charge of the work nearly three years, from 1911-1913, until the day before my departure for America. With the loyal co-operation of all leaders of the association, the physical department progressed surprisingly well and was very successful in all branches of sport.

The determination to come to America became stronger and more determined every day as I took the advanced class, for they were in want of higher instruction, of which I knew no more. Here I was driven to bay and I had to jump in to swim or sink once for all. Any man in my predicament would have the same desire and determination to go to the end of the earth if necessary, to attain the highest knowledge of his chosen work under all circum-

stances and by all efforts. With that decision in my mind I worked from right and left for ways and means which would enable me to cross the Pacific ocean some day.

There was a day of joy and happiness in store for me in Chicago, the day of my entry into the Y. M. C. A. college of physical training as a full fledged student. I must say right here and now that I owe much to Dr. H. F. Kallenberg, Dr. F. H. Burt, the president of the college, and I. E. Brown, who have such kindly interest in me, and saw to it that I was firmly established to receive my desired education. When I have learned all the college offers me and all other details of association work, I shall be happy to return to Seoul Y. M. C. A. to devote all of my time to the work and to help to make it as great an association as those I have seen in America. Y. M. C. A. work was just sown in the heart of Korea and the harvest will be a thousand fold for any willing worker. I ask all those who are interested in association foreign fields to come to Korea, for they will render a great service to the association and the people and the success thus attained will be a glorious one.

Before the conclusion of this article I would like to impart to my brother workers of the Y. M. C. A. of America what the association of Korea has done and is doing for the Koreans under the joint leadership of Messrs. F. M. Brockman and G. A. Gregg. When Y. M. C. A. work was first introduced into Korea by P. L. Gillette, beloved by all, he brought with it a most glorious era into Christian life. The Y. M. C. A. method of preaching the gospel and training the young men according to their chosen work was fittingly acceptable to both old and young people. They at once saw in the association an altogether different method of bringing the people into Christian life than they have been accustomed to see in the conservative way of missionaries. Even the former imperial family were enthusiastic and made a substantial donation for the welfare of the association.

I always have been thankful to John Wanamaker for the gift of the first magnificent association building to Korea, and I take the present opportunity to thank Mr. Messer, to express my gratefulness and that of my countrymen, for his visit to my country.

Sung Herr. Seoul, Korea.

Certainly the great messages of Christianity and social justice of America would be well received in South America. The messages of a loving and ten-

der father, through a new Hosea would be in a proper place in the new Israel.

The lack of care or the lack of teachings on sexual questions and the negligence about some confidential talks of a father to his boy or a professor to his pupil leave the young fellow standing before an angle of two roads. The more attractive road is taken. Women, too, enter the great drama of life. Gambling as an entertainment at an early age occupies the mind of the young pilgrim along the path of vice to misery.

With plenty of immoral and obsence literature the lad goes to "manhood." Not even God exists, they say, but their souls are longing for something higher than material things.

I left Brazil some time ago, coming to this country



Francisco M. Albizu

to get the training and education needed and then to return to my home and work for the advancement of my people, trying to give them that old, but always new, message of the prophet Hosea, the love and tender care of our Father.

The Young Men's Christian Association is the best agency to get under its roof the youth of South America, and socially, physically and spiritually give a new idea of true manhood and unite that great continent for Universal Brotherhood.

FRANCISCO M. ALBIZU,

Sao Paulo, Brazil.

THE PRESENT CRISIS IN ASIA

G. Sherwood Eddy

HE world war, in spite of all its catastrophes and destruction, has thrown wide the doors of opportunity before the Young Men's Christian Association. No other organization was ready and prepared to throw a force of men with the troops in the field and in the prisons, hospitals and concentration camps to meet the physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual needs



G. Sherwood Eddy

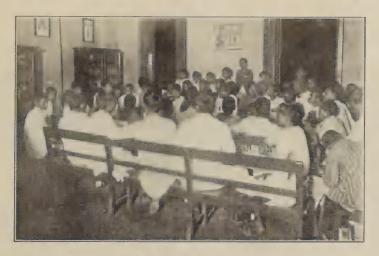
of these men in the war. A force of secretaries was immediately sent to the front with the Indian troops in France, with the army in Mesopotamia and with the forces in Egypt. The British government telegraphed offering to hand over all the canteens in Eastern Africa, and the offer was accepted by the association. The association has a thousand camps among the British soldiers in Egypt and in France. Even among the prisons of Russia, Germany and other lands unexpected opportunities have been offered to the association, and great prison camps with ten thousand men in each are accessible to our workers. Thousands of men are responding to the Christian message and entering the Christian life who had no serious thought of religion before the war.

The war is even opening new doors of opportunity in Asia. We shall confront a new world situation at the close of this giant struggle, and we must be prepared to meet it. The writer has just returned from several of the great spiritual battlefields of Asia. In twenty years he has never seen such signs of encouragement and evidences of widespread awakening as there are in India today. In work among students and the educated classes from five hundred to one thousand non-Christian students gave close attention to the Christian message, Bible classes were formed for inquirers and some students were baptized during the recent trip in India. Still more encuraging was the work among the masses and among the Christians of India. It was decided to launch a three years' evangelistic campaign among the Christians of South India. In a wonderful way the church responded. More than ten thousand of these men went out as volunteer workers during the first special week of evangelism. They carried the Christian message to more than 3,800 villages. More than 300,000 heard the Christian message during the week. Eight thousand gave in their names as inquirers, while five thousand decided to enter the Christian life. Hundreds of these were baptized and received into the churches.

The writer had the privilege of sharing in the movement to extend this

evangelistic campaign in the native state of Travancore. Here was the ancient Syrian church, founded in India about the third century or earlier, which has been asleep for more than a thousand years. These Christians gathered in five great Y. M. C. A. conventions, with an average attendance of eight thousand in each, or a total of over forty thousand. At Tiruvella the audience rose until seventeen thousand were gathered together, seated on the grass under great palm leaf pavilions. Some had walked from five to thirty miles to attend these conventions for four days. Some thirty priests of various communities were in attendance. Several of the metropolitan bishops attended the conferences or sent greetings. Five or six full time secretaries will now follow up the work in Travancore, organizing the Christians and leading them out in a great forward evangelistic campaign to reach the non-Christians of India.

During the last tour in China the student audiences averaged over three thousand a night in thirteen of the great cities of the empire. The president,



Boys' Bible Study Group, Calcutta.

the vice-president, the governors, the leading officials of China received us and rendered every assistance in the evangelistic campaign. After 4,000 years of preparation and 100 years of missions, the doors are thrown wide open in China for reaching the officials, the educators, the students and the leaders of a nation that numbers one-quarter of the human race. Already there are signs of the beginning of a Confucian revival, which indicates that this opportunity will not be prolonged indefinitely. We must press our advantage immediately in the length and breadth of the Chinese Empire. To call for retreat, retrenchment, or the closing of work at a time when China is thus open would be disastrous beyond computation. Rather, we must advance. Succeeding centuries may not bring back the opportunity of this decade. As the former vice-president of the senate said after visiting these cities, "Give us a decade and we can have the leaders of China for Christ."

Never was there a time in history when so much will be demanded from

the Christian leadership of North America, Europe, by the end of this war, will lie exhausted. One great nation alone is left, rich in men, in money and in resources. To us is given the opportunity of winning these leaders of Asia and in a peculiar way the largest access to the officials and students is given to the Young Men's Christian Association. In the whole of North America the Chicago Association has taken the lead in the statesman-like planning and rapid advance of its foreign program. City after city is already following the example of Chicago and endeavoring to bring its gifts abroad up to the measure of its budget for home work. Now is the time for Chicago to lead the way not only in North America, but in the great advance that is called for in this great work abroad in the length and breadth of Asia.

CHICAGO CENTRAL'S FOREIGN POST

HONGKONG, comprising an island and adjacent coast on which is located the city of Victoria, is a British possession, with a population of 300,000, of which 90% are natives. Hongkong is one of the largest ports in the east and is a commercial center for foreign trade with China.



Board of Directors, Hongkong Young Men's Christian Association, with Secretaries Messer, Brockman, Elliott and McPherson.

The Young Men's Christian Association at Hongkong was one of the first associations to be established by American secretaries of the international committee, and its work has been recognized as having had a distinctive part in propagating Christianity among the Chinese, not only of Hongkong, but of the empire as well.

Two American secretaries are in charge of the work, J. L. McPherson and F. M. Mohler. A small association is maintained for foreigners (English speaking) but the main work is for the Chinese, with a board of directors composed of native business and professional men. Six Chinese secretaries are on the employed staff. The association has occupied rented quarters, but is now erecting a modern type of building, the money for the land and building having been given by Hongkong, supplemented by gifts from America. In addition to the City Association, there are three or more Student Associations in the colleges and schools, also a student hostel (dormitory) is owned and operated by the association.

The annual report for 1915 exhibits a range and volume of activities in many respects the superior to many home associations. The membership totals 1,012. There are enrolled in Bible classes, 307; enrolled in day and evening schools, 184 students; a large volume of physical work with championship records in the far eastern championship games and the International Association Hexathlon.

As a result of the Eddy Evangelistic meetings in November, 1914, at which 4,500 attended on two successive evenings, 976 signed cards indicating their desire to study the Bible and at the end of a course of study, 175 indicated that they wished to follow Christ.

The budget of \$19,025 was entirely met by members' fees and contributions from the public. The salaries and expenses of the American secretaries, not included in the budget, were provided by The Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago in contributions from members in the departments. This plan is followed by other American associations in financing the 183 secretaries sent out by the foreign work department of the international committee.

Twenty-four-Hour-a-Day Club

The Twenty-Four-Hour-A-Day Club of Central Department has been organized for the purpose of cultivating an intelligent interest in the foreign work of the Young Men's Christian Association and in securing the support of one secretary at Hongkong, amounting to \$2,000 a year. J. L. McPherson, general secretary, has been assigned for 1916.

The organization consists of a foreign work committee, of which F. A. Grow is chairman, appointed by the committee of management of Central Department, and which acts as executive committee of the club; a foreign work council composed of those promoting the club's activities, and the membership of the club, including all who contribute to the Hongkong fund.

The privileges of the club include:

Foreign work luncheons and other gatherings, at which visiting secretaries speak; printed reports from the foreign field, and study classes in foreign missions.

"Hongkong Week" is observed each year during March, at which time the club secures cash and pledged subscriptions from members and friends of Central De-



F. A. Grow

partment. You are invited to have a share in meeting "China's greatest need" --- the expressed opinion of a prominent Chinese official.—"Christian Men."

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN SOUTH CHINA

George E. Lerrigo

N REVIEWING the work of the Young Men's Christian Association for the year the event which stands out as the most important of all is without question the series of lectures and evangelistic meetings held by Prof. Robertson and Sherwood Eddy. These meetings were made possible by reason of the association staff of secretaries and workers. For months preceding the cam-



the work of preparation. The whole staff made this work its first business. Interviews were held with the civil governor and leading educational officials. Consent was gained not only for the students to attend the scientific lectures, but also for them to attend the meetings to be conducted by Mr. Eddy. A huge matshed capable of seating 3,000 to 4,000 people was erected in the old educational yamen, which is in the very heart of the student center. Arrangements were under way for the initial lecture and address to be given before an audience composed of the leading officials and all of the school teachers. The plans had progressed to this point and the meetings were less than a week away, when a series of bombs were thrown in George E. Lerrigo. the city and the authorities became so alarmed that they forbade all large public meetings of every kind. They

paign one of the secretaries had given his whole time to

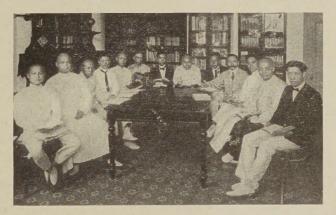
were compelled to ask us to postpone our plans until a more peaceful time. It was impossible at so late a date to make other plans for the use of Messrs. Robertson's and Eddy's time, so the committee in charge decided to go on with the plans on a smaller and quieter scale. The officials showed willingness to co-operate with us, although they could not permit the mass meetings which had been originally planned. Through the influence of the governor the teachers and educational officials sent an invitation to Messrs. Robertson and Eddy to speak at the Higher Normal School. Two meetings were held, one following immediately after the other. The first meeting was attended by all the teachers of the various government schools of the city. It was evident that Mr. Eddy's address made a profound impression upon them. Tears rolled down the faces of some of them as China's great need was presented. At the close of the address many crowded up to present invitations for the same address to be repeated at their schools. Arrangements were immediately made for similar meetings at the Government Law School, the First Presbyterian Middle School and the Canton Middle School.

Schools Open for Christian Message

The historical importance of this event cannot be over-estimated. This was the first time in the history of Canton that the government schools had been opened for addresses of this nature delivered by representatives of the Christian Church. Prejudice of ancient standing was broken down and a new precedent was established. The lectures in the schools were followed by invitations from the Educational Association of Kwangtung Province. The example of the educators was followed by the editors and the newspaper guild.

The result of this new point of contact has been felt all through the work of the year. The teachers and principal of the Higher Normal School of the province have shown an openness to co-operate with the association never before evinced. As a result of this new relationship an invitation was extended to Mr. Wilbur, the student secretary, asking him to take up the work of training the students in athletics. The meetings in the government schools were supplemented by the meetings held in the church at the Canton Hospital. At these later meetings it was possible also to present Christ as the remedy for China's need, and men were asked to make decision for the Christian life, or for enrollment in a Bible class. The total number of cards signed was 584. The number actually entering Bible classes was 284. Of those enrolled in classes 148 have already united with the church and nineteen others are now preparing to take that step.

Interesting cases indicating the far-reaching influence of the work often come under our notice. Just as I came to Canton in 1910 association leaders conducted special meetings in connection with the Student Association of the



Bible Class in the Hongkong Association

Canton Christian College. The result was that twelve men of the senior class in the middle school began the Christian life. Two years ago one of these men, Mr. Hau Laap Fu, went to Kiungchow, the prefectural city of the Island of Hainan, to serve as a teacher in the government middle school there. During his period of service he succeeded in winning to Christ two of the most influential teachers of the school and six of the students. One of the teachers was the physical director of the school. He has since taken a deep interest in the development of the Christian life of the school. A change in officials resulted in Mr. Lau's losing his position last China New Year's. We have just been visited by Mr. Campbell, the Presbyterian missionary in charge of the work at Kiungchow. Mr. Campbell has reported these facts to us and says that the students are very anxious that Mr. Lau should return and continue his work with them. They wish a Student Association to be organized in the school and would like Mr. Lau to give a portion of his time as a secretary for the association. It is possible that by using Mr. Lau as a teacher in

the Presbyterian school at Kiungchow we may be able to arrange a combination which will make it possible for him to continue his work there. Certainly the work of Mr. Lau has created an opening in this important school which should not be neglected.

Many Added to the Church

The figures show that 148 men have actually joined the church during the year as a result of the Robertson-Eddy campaign. This work has been fostered all along by the association. P. L. Wu, the religious work sccretary of the association, has given his first attention to conserving the results of these meetings. The figures giving the number of men thus entering the church give but little real idea of what this means to Canton. As these men have taken this stand it usually means that other members of the family have taken the same step. In a recent report I referred to Kam Cheuk Hing. When he joined the church his grandmother, his father and mother, his wife and one of the men in his shop all joined with him. Another young man named Mr. Lei, a nephew of Admiral Lei Woh, formerly second in command in the Chinese navy, joined the London Mission Church. He is employed in connection with the construction of the new railway now being built from Canton to Hankow. He is away from the city for long periods of time, but he carries his Christianity with him and conducts services every Sunday for the men who are in his construction camp.

Bible Study and Personal Work

The Bible study of the association has been intimately associated with the evangelistic campaign to which I have already referred. In preparation for that campaign a normal training class, composed of fifty of the prospective teachers, was conducted for several weeks by S. C. Leung, our Chinese secretary. When the Bible classes were organized for enquirers three normal classes were conducted, one being taught by Mr. Leung, a second by Mr. Fisher of the Presbyterian Mission and a third by myself. On the completion of this course Mr. Leung was asked to continue his work of teacher training, and his class continued without interruption until the breakup for the summer holidays.

Early in the year the religious work committee decided to make the Sunday evening meetings more definite in their appeal to men to accept Christ. Influenced by the experience gained in connection with the evangelistic campaigns of the past few years they decided to invite men to enter Bible classes for the further study of the gospel. The length of the evening meeting was shortened to one hour, and Bible classes both for Christians and non-Christians were organized to meet immediately at its close. These classes have already resulted in the conversion of a number of men.

The emphasis laid upon the importance of personal work during the special meetings of Mr. Eddy has had a great influence on many of the association men. This has recently resulted in the formation of personal work groups within the association. A group of five leaders has been organized, and each of these men have in turn organized other groups of from three to five. The hope is to stimulate each member of these groups to do personal work himself and to become a leader of a personal work group. The aim is to spread the movement throughout the association and out into the various churches.

Form of Bequest

Those who contemplate making provision for the Association in their wills may find the following form convenient:

"I give and bequeath to The Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago, an Illinois corporation, the sum of......dollars, to be paid from my estate in due course of administration."

THE FOLLOWING BEQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE ASSOCIATION

TO THE ADDUCTATION
JOHN CRERAR\$ 50,000
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS 10,000
MORRIS CONE 10,000
LEONARD GOULD 12,500
JAMES CRAIGMILE 500
SILAS B. COBB
GEORGE SCOTT
HENRY J. WILLING 5,000
THOMAS MURDOCK 812,787
MRS. ELLEN SAGE
ARTHUR D. WHEELER
KENNETH BARNHART 5,000
All the above bequests have been paid in full and have een placed in the general endowment fund,
MRS. CHARLOTTE COE (estimated) \$ 12,500
A residuary interest subject to life annuities.
N. B. HOLDEN 1,000
Special endowment held by the First Trust & Savings Bank, the annual income being applied upon the cur- rent expense of the West Side Department.
HUNTINGTON W. JACKSON
Special endowment, the income of which is devoted to the library of the association.
JAMES L. REYNOLDS 10,000
A special endowment, the income of which is used for the support of a city missionary.
ALBERT KEEP 100,000
This bequest is held as a permanent fund known as the Lucy Keep Isham Memorial. The income is devoted to the North Side Boys' Club.
MRS. SARAH A. HAWLEY (estimated) 30,000
The amount received is \$26,265.98. The income is devoted to the current expenses of the Hyde Park Department.
MARTHA S. HILL
HENRY M. HOOKER 10,000
For the use of the West Side Department.
THOMAS TEMPLETON
OSCAR F. LENGACHER

For use of Central Department.

